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**Amarillo Texas gears up for the 2005 NCHA World Finals**  
*Top NCHA point-earners compete for the title*

(Fort Worth, TX) – The NCHA World Championship finals is heading back to Amarillo this year, and the best of the best will soon compete for top honors and a chance at the title of World Champion.

The top 50 NCHA money-earners in each of the 11 NCHA-approved classes will make their way to Amarillo from all over the country early next month. Competition will begin February 9<sup>th</sup> and continue through the 20<sup>th</sup> at the Amarillo National Center in the Tri-State Fairgrounds. Daily go-rounds will start at 8:00 am. Scores and a live web cast will be available each day through the [NCHA website](#).

This year, with entries continuing to grow to more than 540, and a record total purse of more than \$637,000, this event is shaping up to be the best World Finals yet. Spectators can expect to see some of the most exciting cutting competition all year with many eyes watching top horse Bobs Hickory Rio in the Open Division, and top rider, Mary Jo Milner in the Non-Pro.

Boyd Rice from Spearman, TX will be riding Bobs Hickory Rio for the owners James Kenney Horse Trust. A strong contender, Bobs Hickory Rio has already earned more than \$87,000 going into the Open finals. Also a favorite in the Non-Pro division, Mary Jo Milner of Southlake, TX looks to claim the Non-Pro title, as she has already earned \$52,157.25 this year.

The National Cutting Horse Association is made up of 16,000 members across the United States with a wide range of backgrounds. The sport of cutting has roots in Western ranching traditions, where good horses were a necessity for everyday ranch work and cattle handling. From cowgirls to CEOs, from

firefighters to professional football players, the common ground is often in the cutting arena. Each year more than 2,200 NCHA-approved events are held throughout the country with more than \$35 million in prize money awarded.

For more information about the NCHA, or for World Finals information and scores, please log on to [www.nchacutting.com](http://www.nchacutting.com) or call 817-244-6188.

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